

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ryuji FUKADA et al.

Title: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF ENDLESS METAL BELT AND

MANUFACTURING APPARATUS OF ENDLESS METAL BELT

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 23, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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